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Title: *Discrimination Of Bacillus  
Anthraxis From Closely Related To  
Microorganisms By Analysis Of 16S  
And 23S rRNA With Oligonucleotide  
Microchips*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2006, applicants elect Group II, claims 10-20 and 22. Applicants also elect 10 nucleotide sequences as indicated in the amended claims.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.